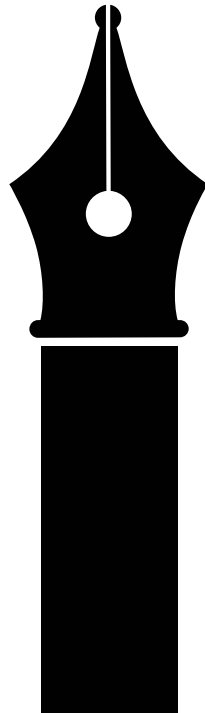


INTRODUCTION TO FOUNTAIN PENS

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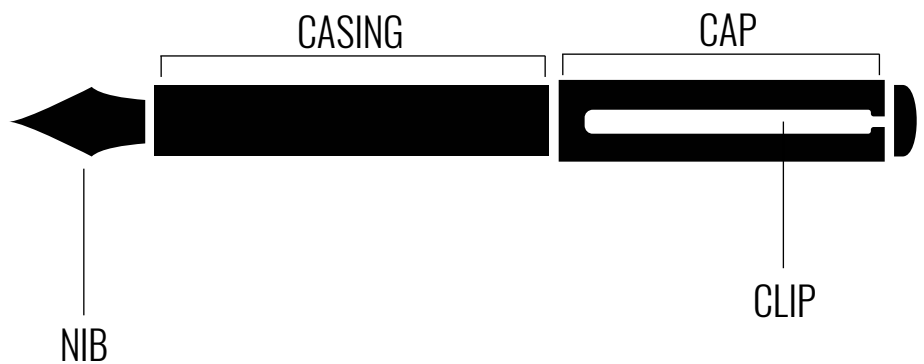


ANATOMY OF A FOUNTAIN PEN

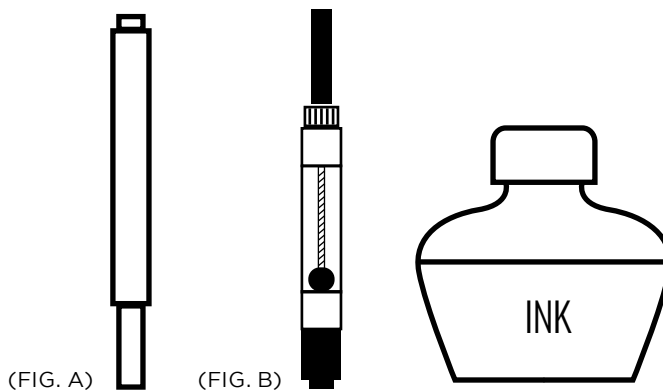
A FOUNTAIN PEN IS ANY PEN WITH A NIB ON THE END AND A FEEDER SYSTEM. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE USED FOR FANCY WRITING. IN FACT, MOST FOUNTAIN PENS ARE MADE TO BE USED EVERY DAY

FUN FACT:

MOST HIGH END FOUNTAIN PENS ARE MADE TO BE LIGHT-WEIGHT SO THAT YOU CAN WRITE WITHOUT TIRING OUT YOUR HAND.



- USUALLY MADE OUT OF STAINLESS STEEL OR GOLD
- COMES IN A VARIETY OF SIZES FROM EXTRA FINE TO BROAD
- A CALLIGRAPHY NIB WILL HAVE A FLAT EDGE

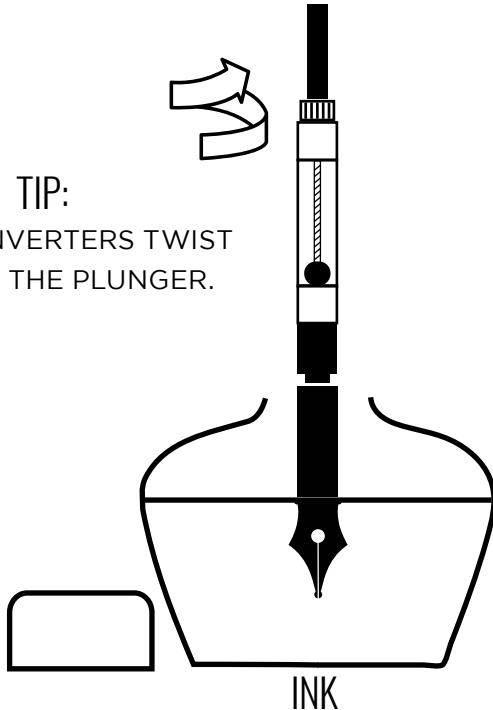


CARTRIDGE VS. CONVERTER

MOST FOUNTAIN PENS FILL UP WITH EITHER AN INK CARTRIDGE OR A CONVERTER. THE CARTRIDGE (FIG. A) POPS INTO THE INSIDE OF THE PEN AND YOU THROW IT AWAY ONCE IT'S EMPTY. A CONVERTER (FIG. B) IS LIKE A REUSABLE SYRINGE THAT YOU FILL WITH BOTTLED INK.

FILLING WITH BOTTLED INK

TIP:
MOST CONVERTERS TWIST
TO DROP THE PLUNGER.



1. MAKE SURE THE CONVERTER IS SECURE IN THE NIB AND THE PLUNGER IS TWISTED ALL THE WAY DOWN.
2. SUBMERGE THE NIB IN THE INK SO THAT THE ENTIRE NIB IS COVERED.
3. TWIST THE PLUNGER BACK UP, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE INK COME UP WITH IT.
4. CAREFULLY PULL THE NIB OUT OF THE BOTTLE AND WIPE DOWN WITH A PAPER TOWEL BEFORE REATTACHING THE PEN BODY.
5. YOU'RE READY TO WRITE!

IF YOUR PEN TAKES A CARTRIDGE, JUST PRESS IT INTO THE PEN IN PLACE OF THE CONVERTER, UNTIL YOU FEEL A POP. THAT MEANS THE CARTRIDGE IS PIERCED. YOU MAY NEED TO WAIT A FEW SECONDS FOR THE INK TO WORK ITS WAY DOWN THE NIB.

STORAGE



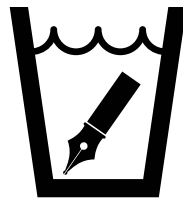
PEN CLIPS ARE USUALLY POSITIONED SO THAT YOU CAN STORE THE PEN NIB UP. THIS HELPS PREVENT ANY INK FROM LEAKING INTO THE CAP.



YOU CAN ALSO STORE A FOUNTAIN PEN HORIZONTALLY IF YOU'RE KEEPING IT ON A DESK

TIP: IF YOU WON'T BE USING YOUR PEN FOR A WHILE, CLEAN OUT ALL THE INK BEFORE STORING IT SO THAT THE INK DOESN'T DRY UP AND CLOG YOUR NIB.

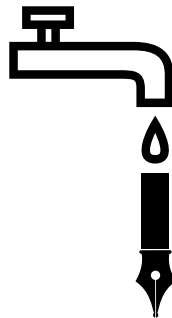
HOW TO WASH A FOUNTAIN PEN



1. SOAK

IF IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU WASHED YOUR PEN, YOU SHOULD FIRST SOAK IT IN WATER FOR 20-30 MINUTES. YOU CAN ADD A BIT OF DISH SOAP, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY, AS FOUNTAIN PEN INK IS WATER-BASED. PLAIN OLD TAP WATER WILL DO THE TRICK.

TIP: ONLY SOAK THE NIB BY UNSCREWING IT FROM THE REST OF THE PEN.



2. RINSE

HOLD THE NIB POINT DOWN UNDER THE FAUCET AND LET THE WATER RUN THROUGH UNTIL IT COMES OUT CLEAR.



3. DRY

LIGHTLY DRAW LINES ALONG A PAPER TOWEL UNTIL NO MORE WATER COMES OUT. IF INK IS STILL COMING OUT, REPEAT STEP TWO.